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2. In 1953, the Jenapharm enterprise was ordered to produce a vitamin of the panthenal group. A racemic (racemer) mixture was obtained but the chemists of the enterprise did not succeed in isolating a pure vitamin preparation. The efforts made in this direction were therefore discontinued and a loss of approximately 250,000 DME was incurred. Since racemic products can be stored only for short periods, the available stocks which are valued at 120,000 DME must be destroyed at the end of 1954.

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3. For the production of vitamins VEB Jenapharm also processes quinine imported by the GDR from the USA. In December 1954, 180 kg of quinine were imported from Indonesia.

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2. Comment. Pantothenic acid is a member of the vitamin-B complex its chemical formula is $\text{HO} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_2 \text{CHOHCONH}(\text{CH}_2)_2 \text{COOH}$. "Racemate" (racemic products) which are separable into two other substances of the same chemical composition as the original substance, one of which is dextrorotatory and the other levorotatory.

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